

*Gagetown School*

*PARENT PAGE*

“Soar with the Eagles”

December 5, 2011

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Welcome to our new layout for a new weekly newsletter. This “Parent Page” will be sent home on Monday’s with your child. This weekly update will be sent home with the youngest child in a family.

If you had signed up to receive the old version of the monthly newsletter by email then you receive this parent page weekly as an email. If you would like to help us cut down on the cost of printing these updates please fill out the form at the bottom of the page. We will no longer be

doing the monthly newsletters.

Mysterious PD Days

Parents often ask what teachers do on PD Days so this year we are going to clear up the mystery by letting you know how we spend that valuable time. On November 28th, we focused on a very interesting idea called Learning In-Depth. Corie Smith had attended a workshop in October and presented this theory to the staff. We intend to explore the idea for the rest of the year and see how we may initiate some of the ideas in our classrooms. We also watched a short video by renowned educator Dr. Ken Robinson, on school and creativity and discussed how both of these topics can enhance our School Improvement Plan. We had an excellent morning of discussion and learning.

Parent Teacher Interviews

I would like to thank those parents and guardians who were able to attend the Parent Teacher Interviews. If you were unable to make it in, please remember you are welcome to call and talk to your child’s teacher. Providing the best education for your child can only be accomplished by having the school and home work together.

Happenings at the School

The school has ordered 2 ipads and several headsets that we hope will be arriving soon to the school. The teachers will be receiving an in service from the District Tech Mentors on how to use the ipads to enhance their teaching. The headsets will be used with the online reading program, Raz-kids. They will also be used for creating digital stories.

If you are not already signed up to receive the Parent Page electronically and would like to sign up, please fill out the following and return with your child. Thank you.

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**Update on School Improvement Perception Surveys 2011**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has been conducting school improvement surveys for several years. These have included all parents, all teachers, and students in grade 4-12 in all schools. The surveys focus on characteristics of schools that are related to school effectiveness and are used for planning and improvement for schools, districts and the department.

 This year, the Department will begin a new survey cycle whereby all schools will receive the full set of three surveys every two years. Teacher surveys will continue annually. In addition, schools participating in the provincial school improvement reviews (15% of schools chosen at random each year), will also receive all three surveys.

 For our school, this means parent and student surveys will be distributed next school year.

 The most current results for our school can be found at: http://www.gnb.ca/0000/results/index\_e.html alongside the school’s provincial assessment results.

**PLEP Workers**

Our 2 PLEP workers, Arlene Johnson and Sherry Hoyt

finished working at the school on December 2nd.

Everyone is going to miss having them in the school.

Gagetown Eagle Nest After School Care

Has full, part-time, and drop in space available. Did you know that if your child is pre-registered they can attend on a drop in basis with 24 hours notice if space is available. Please call Jennifer at 488-2208 or 292-9068 for more information.

Students Art Work at Orchard View

Starting on December 12th, Gagetown students will be displaying select pieces of art from each class, at Orchard View. The display will change on a monthly basis. We are pleased to have this opportunity to showcase our students creative talents as well as provide the residents and their visitors with great works of art to enjoy.

Field Trip

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be going on a field trip to Cambridge Narrows Community School on Thursday, December 22nd to watch Jack and the Bean Stalk with students from Burton and Coles Island. This production will be put on by the Marionettes. Burton School students will be returning to Gagetown to have an indoor picnic with our students in the gym.

Late Arrivals, Leaving Early & Visitors

For your child’s safety, there is a sign-in/out sheet in the office. All students arriving late should be signed in by a parent/guardian. ALL STUDENTS leaving school during the school day MUST be signed out by a parent/guardian before they leave the school. All visitors to the school must sign in and wear proper visitor identification during their time in the school. Thanks for your cooperation

Hot Lunch

The final day for wraps will be on December 8th. The last day for pizza will be on December 12th. There will be NO hot lunch during the final week of school. The hot lunch program will resume on January 16th with these orders being due to the school on January 12th.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Branch President, Mike Galey and the members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #71 for attending our Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Christmas Dinner

Once again this year, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 71, Gagetown Rotary Club, Gagetown Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Gagetown Gems Seniors Club will be providing the staff and students a Turkey Dinner with all the fixings. The dinner will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 11:30 at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Thank you to all the people who work so hard to provide this dinner for us.

Intervention Worker

We are very happy to announce that Janice Perry willMC900413686[1] be coming back to work at Gagetown School. Janice will be our new Intervention Worker. She will be at the school on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The rest of her time will be at C-NCS. Welcome Back Janice.

Christmas Concert 2011

We will be holding out annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:30 pm. Our storm date for the concert if Friday, December 23rd at 9:00 am. Everyone is Welcome!

RAZ-Kids

Gagetown School has purchased subscriptions for each class to be set up on this on-line reading program which can be accessed at home as well as school. Each teacher will be sending home more details about this program in the near future.

Hat Day

On Friday December 16th all students are invited to wear a hat with a Christmas theme. Each student wishing to wear a hat will be charged $1.00 which will go towards the Middle Level year end activities.

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Home and School Basket

If you would like anymore tickets for the Home and School Basket, please contact Sherry at 488-2211.

Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars

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| December 5th | Pizza Day |
| December 8th | Chicken Wrap Day  Hot Lunch Orders due for next week |
| December 12th | Pizza Day |
| December 12th | Art Work on display at  Orchard View |
| December 15th | Turkey Dinner for Staff and Students at 11:30 |
| December 15th | Hot Lunch Orders due for next week – (Pizza only) |
| December 16th | Christmas Hat Day |
| December 19th | Soccer Team – Banner Presentation 1:00pm |
| December 21st | Christmas Concert 6:30pm |
| December 22nd | Jack and the Bean Stalk play |
| December 23rd | Storm date for Christmas Concert 9:00am |
| December 23rd | Last Day of classes before Christmas break |
| January 9th | First Day of Classes |
| January 26th | EYE-DA screening for Pre-Kindergarten |
| February 17th | No classes – PD Day |
| Week of Feb. 27th | Winter Carnival |
| March 5th-9th | MARCH BREAK – no classes |
| March 29th | Parent/Teacher interviews – No Classes |
| April 6th | No classes – Good Friday |
| April 9th | No classes – Easter Monday |
| April 20th | No classes – PD Day |
| May 3rd | No classes – PD day |
| May 4th | No classes – Provincial Council Day |
| May 21st | No classes – Victoria Day |
| June 22nd | Last Day of School |

**BADMINTON GAME & PRACTICE SCHEUDULE – 2011**

Dec. 5th Monday PRACTICE 1:25-2:40

Dec. 7th Wednesday PRACTICE 2:40-4:00

**Dec. 12th Monday Gage @ CNCS 2:45-4:00**

Dec. 14th Wednesday PRACTICE 2:40-4:00

**Dec. 16th Friday Gage @ CNCS TBA**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Championships will take place on Friday afternoon on the 16th. The times will be confirmed with you soon.**

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